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Ms. Tracy Barker
Deputy General Counsel
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Re: Gary Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation
(GPAL FOUNDATION)

Dear Ms. Barker:

I am the school board member of District 4, Iberia Parish School Board. I am also the grieving parent of Garon Lewis whose life was taken by a criminal shooting on August 16, 2019. Several of my constituents and other members of my community approached me about establishing a foundation to support various organizations that foster the development of our youth into productive citizens (Exhibit 1). Examples of some of the projects for which funds will be used for are attached as (Exhibit 2). As GPAL's first President, I am seeking an advisory opinion on the following questions:

1. Although I do not intend to be employed or draw compensation from GPAL, is there a prohibition from doing so while serving as a school board member?
2. GPAL may collaborate with the School District for the application of federal/state grants for programs to curb youth violence. Does my association with GPAL prohibit my participation with such activity and/or does it prevent the School Board's participation in such?
3. Is there a prohibition from my participation in fund raising for GPAL wherein the fundraising event may be sponsored by school organizations that fall within the auspices of IPSB (Ex. New Iberia Senior High School, its football team, school-related program, etc.)

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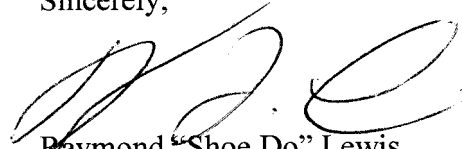
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4. Is there a prohibition from GPAL's receipt of funds from entities having a contractual relationship with the School Board and/or employees thereof?
5. Please address any other conflict and/or prohibitions that my association with GPAL could present to me or the School Board as a result of my office with the School Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lewis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond "Shoe Do" Lewis
Iberia Parish School Board Member
District 4



GPAL FOUNDATION

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OUR STORY

On Friday August 16, 2019, Garon loss his life to a senseless act of gun violence. His 17 year old life was prematurely taken away from his parents, siblings, family, the community he served and the communities he planned to serve.

Affectionately know to his mom and his siblings as Bu-Bi, his maternal grandmother as Source-Stain, his late Aunt Francis as Nu and finally his dad called him Nu-Ki. He was a different kid. He love to hang out with his older brother and his friends. Bu-Bi played sports but football was his passion. Football and school were his main focuses. He scored a 22 on his ACT test but wanted to take it again because he wanted a higher score. Garon was a great kid.

He was kind, dedicated, and he knew how to bring great energy to a room. Everyone who knew Garon could agree that he was certainly someone you didn't mind being around. His parents did a great job raising him because he was also extremely respectful. He loved to play around, but he knew, and respected, when it \

focus and get things done.

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Let's Chat

Garon's death inspired a movement that will rehabilitate communities across the nation and eventually globally. The movement is GPAL, The Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation. Here at GPAL we believe in "Hope for the Hopeless". We will be the silver lining in dark communities and we plan on doing so by letting Garon's light shine through us.

OUR CULTURE CODES

These are the beliefs that we were founded on and the beliefs we will lead by.

RESPECT

< We are committed to respecting ourselves and others in order to foster an environment of teamwork and growth. >

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INTRODUCTION

Just A Kid From New Iberia... Just as the shirt Garon was wearing said He was just a kid from New Iberia. On August 16, 2019, Garon's life was taken from his family, friends and community. He was just a kid from New Iberia with dreams to make a change in his community and his city. Born on December 5, 2001, to Raymond "Shoe-Do" & Roxy Lewis. Garon was destined for greatness. His father instilled in him to be honest, respectful, and to always help others whenever and however he can. His mother taught him how to be kind, humble, and to set his goals and go after them. Garon was starting his Senior year of High School at New Iberia Senior High. He was on the football team, in which he practiced all Summer with his friends so they could have a good season. He sat with his mother and discussed how he wanted to take his ACT test over because he wanted a higher score than the 22 he had received. He also wanted to follow in his mother's footsteps in becoming a nurse. This brought joy to his mom because she couldn't wait until she was able to give her son all her nursing knowledge so he could be the best nurse he could have been. Raymond "Shoe-Do" and Roxy never got the chance to see their son play football his senior year, go to prom, graduate high school, go off to college or just to see their son return home on the night of December 5, 2019.

The Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation is implementing programs to divert at-risk youth from committing senseless crimes to becoming productive citizens. Our purpose is to provide early intervention and prevention services through mentoring and individual programming. Our strategies within this 3 year plan are designed to encourage youth to dream beyond the often-oppressive conditions of rural life.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

The Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation (GPAL) is on a mission to restore and protect communities from violence and oppression that has overtaken them. Our mission at GPAL is to serve youth and families by providing them counseling, mentoring, and skill building and educational services in a safe environment to support the development of their futures. Unlike other foundations, GPAL will pride itself in being established in these communities and building relationships with all people within these communities through specialized programs, organizations, resources, and events. GPAL will not turn a blind eye to normalized crimes and tainted perspectives.

Our Story

The tragic killing of Garon Lewis, a 17-year-old New Iberia Senior High student, is the reason our foundation was created. Garon was an energetic and determined young man. He was very aware of his charm and talents and planned on using these to benefit others. He aspired to be a nurse, following in the footsteps of his mother. He also, unbeknown to others, would visit nursing homes and sit with the elderly. He was a pure soul with an awareness of people in need who planned on serving those in need in the future. Although his life was taken away, his vision doesn't have to be. GPAL will be the silver lining in dark communities and we plan on doing so by letting Garon's light shine through us.

Our Demographic

85% of Iberia Parish School District's youth are from a single headed household where few parents have the necessary parenting skills to provide a safe and stimulating home environment, therefore there are escalating problems of school discipline, drug and alcohol abuse, shootings, theft, vandalism, aggravated assault crimes and teen pregnancy. GPAL is dedicated to serving oppressed and impoverished communities. This includes all individuals, businesses, and social institutions located in these communities.

Operational Structure

Youth Development Group will act as the program agency sitting their expertise in the development of quality comprehensive programming which is youth based as well as results oriented.



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GARON PAUL ATKINSON LEWIS FOUNDATION	Non-Profit Corporation	NEW IBERIA	Active

Previous Names

Business: GARON PAUL ATKINSON LEWIS FOUNDATION

Charter Number: 44364568N

Registration Date: 4/13/2021

Domicile Address

1230 ANGIE ST.
NEW IBERIA, LA 70560

Mailing Address

1230 ANGIE ST
NEW IBERIA, LA 70560

Status

Status: Active
Annual Report Status: In Good Standing
File Date: 4/13/2021
Last Report Filed: N/A
Type: Non-Profit Corporation

Registered Agent(s)

Agent: RAYMOND LEWIS
Address 1: 1230 ANGIE ST
City, State, Zip: NEW IBERIA, LA 70560
Appointment Date: 4/13/2021

Officer(s)

Additional Officers: No

Officer: RAYMOND LEWIS
Title: Director
Address 1: 1230 ANGIE ST
City, State, Zip: NEW IBERIA, LA 70560

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Articles of Incorporation

The Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation

We, the Incorporators, being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Non Profit Corporation Act of the State of Louisiana, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be the Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation.

ARTICLE II

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

1. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, scientific and educational purposes as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including the making of distributions for such purposes.
2. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.
3. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (c) by a nonprofit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of Nonprofit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE III

Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization, or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court in the Parish in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine.

ARTICLE IV

This corporation is intended to be a public charity. However, if at any time this corporation is determined to be a private foundation, the following provisions shall apply:

1. The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. The corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code.
5. The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V

In addition to the powers granted it under the laws of Louisiana, the Corporation shall have the power:

1. To modify any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds for any specified charitable purposes or to specified charitable purposes or to specified organizations if in the sole judgment of the governing body (without the necessity of the approval of any participating trustee, custodian, or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community or area served.
2. To replace any participating trustee, custodian, or agent for breach of fiduciary duty under State law; and

3. To replace any participating trustee, custodian, or agent for failure to produce a reasonable (as determined by the governing body) return of net income (within the meaning of paragraph (f)(11)(v)(F) of this section) over a reasonable period of time (as determined by the governing body).

ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall be organized on a non-stock basis and shall have no members. The authority for all affairs of the Corporation shall be in a Board of Directors who shall have and may exercise all the powers of the Corporation as permitted by federal law, state law, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation as from time to time in effect. The first Board of Directors shall be 3 in number, and their names and addresses are as follows:

<u>Raymond "Shoe Do" Lewis</u>	<u>1230 Angie Street New Iberia, LA. 70560</u>
Name	Address
<u>Tytiana N. McWhorter</u>	<u>15107 Silhouette Ridge Dr. Humble, TX. 77396</u>
Name	Address
<u>Tyra McWhorter</u>	<u>1231 Gail St. New Iberia, LA. 70560</u>
Name	Address

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the initial registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent

Raymond Q. Lewis

Registered Office

*1230 Angie St
New Iberia, LA. 70560
Iberia Parish - USA*

ARTICLE VIII

Any amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Louisiana.

ARTICLE IX

All general or specific references herein made to the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as now in force or later amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Similarly, any general or specific references to the laws of the State of Louisiana shall be deemed to refer to the laws of the State of Louisiana as now in force or hereafter amended.

We, the Incorporators, declare that we have examined the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and that the statements contained therein are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. Executed this 13th day of April 2021.

Signature and Name

Post Office Address

1. _____
Signature

1. 1230 Angie St
Street

Raymond Q. Lewis
Name (please print)

New Iberia, LA. 70560
City/State/Zip

2. _____
Signature

2. 15107 Silhouette Ridge Dr,
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Name (please print)

Humble, TX. 77396
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3. _____
Signature

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BY-LAWS
OF
GARON PAUL ATCKINSON LEWIS FOUNDATION

Article 1.

Definitions

Section 1.1Name. The “Corporation” shall mean: Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation, its successors, and assigns.

Section 1.2Board. The “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Article 2.

Purposes, Objectives and Governing Instruments

Section 2.1Charitable, Educational, and Scientific Purposes and Powers.

The purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws, are exclusively charitable, educational, or religious, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax law (“Section 501(c)(3)”). In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws. The specific purposes of the Corporation are to offer accessible, quality service to at-risk youths and their families.

Section 2.2Governing Instruments.

The Corporation shall be governed by its Articles of Incorporation and its Bylaws.

Section 2.03 Nondiscrimination Policy.

The Corporation will not practice or permit any unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion, physical handicap or disability, or any other basis prohibited by law.

Section 2.04 Limitations on Activities.

No part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, nor shall the Corporation operate a social club or carry out business with the general public in a manner similar to an organization operated for profit. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law.

Article 3.

Membership

The Corporation shall have five (5) members.

Article 4.

Directors

Section 4.1 Annual Meeting.

A meeting of the Board shall be held annually at such place, on such date and at such time as may be fixed by the Board, for the purpose of electing Directors, receiving annual reports of the Board and Officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 4.2 Number.

The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be fixed by the Board, but such number shall not be less than three (3).

Section 4.3 Election and Term of Office.

The initial Directors of the Corporation shall be those persons specified in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation. Each Director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board and until such Director's successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her death, resignation, or removal.

Section 4.4 Powers and Duties.

Subject to the provisions of law, of the Certificate of Incorporation and of these By-Laws, but in furtherance and not in limitation of any rights and powers thereby conferred, the Board shall have the control and management of the affairs and operations of the Corporation and shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised by the Corporation.

Section 4.5 Additional Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine. Special meetings of the Board may also be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors then in office.

Section 4.6 Notice of Meetings.

No notice need be given of any annual or regular meeting of the Board. Notice of a special meeting of the Board shall be given by service upon each Director in person or by mailing the same to that person at his or her post office address as it appears upon the books of the Corporation at least two business days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays not being considered business days for the purpose of these articles and By-Laws) if given in person, or at least four business days, if given by mailing the same, before the date designated for such meeting specifying the place, date and hour of the meeting. Whenever all of the Directors shall have waived notice of any meeting either before or after such meeting, such meeting shall be valid for all purposes. A Director who shall be present at any meeting and who shall not have protested, prior to the meeting or at its commencement, the lack of notice to that person, shall be deemed to have waived notice of such meeting. In any case, any acts or proceedings taken at a Directors' meeting not validly called or constituted may be made valid and fully effective by ratification at a subsequent Directors' meeting that is legally and validly called. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of any Directors' meeting or any waiver thereof need not state the purpose of the meeting, and, at any Directors' meeting duly held as provided in these By-Laws, any business within the legal province and authority of the Board may be transacted.

Section 4.7 Quorum.

At any meeting of the Board, a majority of the Directors then in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, should a quorum not be present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time to another time and place, without notice other than announcement at such meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 4.8 Voting.

At all meetings of the Board, each Director shall have one vote. In the event that there is a tie in any vote, the President shall have an additional vote to be the tiebreaker.

Section 4.9 Action Without a Meeting.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or any such committee consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the members of the Board or any such committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or such committee.

Section 4.10 Removal.

Any Director may be removed for cause by vote of the Board provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

Section 4.11 Resignation.

Any Director may resign from office at any time by delivering a resignation in writing to the Board of Directors, and the acceptance of the resignation, unless required by its terms, shall not be necessary to make the resignation effective.

Section 4.12 Vacancies.

Any newly created directorships and any vacancy occurring on the Board arising at any time and from any cause may be filled by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any Directors' meeting. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Section 4.13 Committee.

The Committee, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate from among the Directors an executive committee and other standing committees, each consisting of three or more Directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and each of which, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have the authority of the Board. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any such committee, who may replace any absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.

Section 4.14 Participation by Telephone.

Any one or more members of the Board or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Article 5.

Officers

Section 5.1 Election and Qualifications; Term of Office.

The Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Vice-President. The Officers shall be elected by the Board at the annual meeting of the Board and each Officer shall hold office for a term of two years and until such Officer's successor has been elected or appointed and qualified, unless such Officer shall have resigned or shall have been removed as provided in Sections 8 and 9 of this Article V.

The same person may hold more than one office, except that the same person may not be both President and Secretary. The Board may appoint such other Officers as may be deemed desirable, including one or more Vice-Presidents, one or more Assistant Secretaries, and one or more Assistant Treasurers. Such Officers shall serve for such period as the Board may designate.

Section 5.2 Vacancies.

Any vacancy occurring in any office, whether because of death, resignation, or removal, with or without cause, or any other reason, shall be filled by the Board.

Section 5.3 Powers and Duties of the President.

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation. The President shall from time to time make such reports of the affairs and operations of the Corporation as the Board may direct and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the President by the Board.

Section 5.4 Powers and Duties of the Vice-Presidents.

Each of the Vice-Presidents, if any, shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to such Vice President by the Board.

Section 5.5 Powers and Duties of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board. The Secretary shall be the custodian of, and shall make or cause to be made the proper entries in, the minute book of the Corporation and such books and records as the Board may direct. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix such seal to such contracts, instruments and other documents as the Board or any committee thereof may direct. The Secretary shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Secretary by the Board.

Section 5.6 Powers and Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of the Corporation. Whenever so directed by the Board, the Treasurer shall render a statement of the cash and other accounts of the Corporation, and the Treasurer shall cause to be entered regularly in the books and records of the Corporation to be kept for such purpose full and accurate accounts of the Corporation's receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall at all reasonable times exhibit the books and accounts to any Director upon application at the principal office of the Corporation during business hours. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the Treasurer by the Board.

Section 5.7 Delegation.

In case of the absence of any Officer of the Corporation, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may at any time and from time-to-time delegate all or any part of the powers or duties of any Officer to any other Officer or to any Director or Directors.

Section 5.8Removal.

Any Officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5.9Resignation.

Any Officer may resign his or her office at any time, such resignation to be made in writing and to take effect immediately without acceptance by the Corporation.

Article 6.

Bank Accounts, Checks, Contracts, and Investments

Section 6.1Bank Accounts, Checks and Notes.

The Board is authorized to select the banks or depositories it deems proper for the funds of the Corporation. The Board shall determine who shall be authorized from time to time on the Corporation's behalf to sign checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, acceptances, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness.

Section 6.2Contracts.

The Board may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board, no Officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 6.3Investments.

The funds of the Corporation may be retained in whole or in part in cash or be invested and reinvested from time to time in such property, real, personal, or otherwise, or stocks, bonds, or other securities, as the Board may deem desirable.

Article 7.

Indemnification

Section 7.1Indemnity Under Law.

The Corporation shall indemnify and advance the expenses of each person to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 7.2 Additional Indemnification.

The Corporation hereby agrees to hold harmless and indemnify each of its Directors, Officers, employees and agents (the "Indemnitee") from and against, and to reimburse the Indemnitee for, any and all judgments, fines, liabilities, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees actually and necessarily incurred, as a result of or in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than one by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, including an action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of any other corporation of any type or kind, domestic or foreign, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise for which the Indemnitee served in any capacity at the request of the Corporation, to which the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a party, or is threatened to be made a party, or as a result of or in connection with any appeal therein, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee is, was or at any time becomes a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving or at any time serves such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise in any capacity, whether arising out of any breach of the Indemnitee's fiduciary duty as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise under any state or federal law or otherwise; provided, however, that no indemnity pursuant to this Section 2 shall be paid by the Corporation (i) if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnitee establishes that the Indemnitee's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated, or that the Indemnitee personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which the Indemnitee was not legally entitled; or (ii) if a final judgment by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful. The termination of any such civil or criminal action or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create any presumption that the Indemnitee acted in bad faith and/or was dishonest.

(a) The obligation of the Corporation to indemnify contained herein shall continue during the period the Indemnitee serves as a Director, Officer, employee or agent of the Corporation and shall continue thereafter so long as the Indemnitee shall be subject to any possible claim or threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee was a Director or Officer of the Corporation or served at the request of the Corporation in any capacity for any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

(b) Promptly after receipt by the Indemnitee of notice of the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding, the Indemnitee will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against the Corporation under this Section 2, notify the Corporation of the commencement thereof; but the omission so to notify the Corporation will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to the Indemnitee otherwise than under this Section 2. With respect to any such action, suit or proceeding as to which the Indemnitee notifies the Corporation of the commencement thereof:

(i) The Corporation will be entitled to participate therein at its own expense; and,

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii, to the extent that it may wish, the Corporation jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified will be entitled to assume the defense thereof, with counsel satisfactory to the Indemnitee. After notice from the Corporation to the Indemnitee of its election so to assume the defense thereof, the Corporation will not be liable to the Indemnitee under this Section 2 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by the Indemnitee in connection with the defense thereof other than reasonable costs of investigation or as otherwise provided in the last sentence of this subpart ii. The Indemnitee shall have the right to employ his or her own counsel in such action, suit or proceeding but the fees and expenses of such counsel incurred after notice from the Corporation of its assumption of the defense thereof shall be at the expense of the Indemnitee unless (A) the employment of counsel by the Indemnitee has been authorized by the Corporation in connection with the defense of such action, (B) the Indemnitee shall have reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Corporation and the Indemnitee in the conduct of the defense of such action, or (C) the Corporation shall not in fact have employed counsel to assume the defense of such action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel for the Indemnitee shall be borne by the Corporation (it being understood, however, that the Corporation shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one counsel for the Indemnitee in connection with any action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances). The Corporation shall not be entitled to assume the defense of any action, suit or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Corporation or as to which the Indemnitee shall have made the conclusion provided for in clause (B) of the preceding sentence of this subpart ii.

(iii) Anything in this Section 2 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not be liable to indemnify the Indemnitee under this Section 2 for any amounts paid in settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. The Corporation shall not settle any action or claim in any manner which would impose any penalty or limitation on the Indemnitee without the Indemnitee's written consent.

Neither the Corporation nor any such person will unreasonably withhold their consent to any proposed settlement.

(c) In the event of any threatened or pending action, suit or proceeding which may give rise to a right of indemnification from the Corporation to the Indemnatee pursuant to this Section 2, the Corporation shall pay, on demand, in advance of the final disposition thereof, expenses incurred by the Indemnatee in defending such action, suit or proceeding, other than those expenses for which the Indemnatee is not entitled to indemnification pursuant to clause (ii) of the proviso to part (a) of this Section 2 or part (b) of this Section 2. The Corporation shall make such payments upon receipt of a written request made by the Indemnatee for payment of such expenses, (ii) an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnatee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation hereunder, and (iii) evidence satisfactory to the Corporation as to the amount of such expenses. The Indemnatee's written certification together with a copy of the statement paid or to be paid by the Indemnatee shall constitute satisfactory evidence as to the amount of such expenses.

(d) The rights to indemnification and advancement of expenses granted to the Indemnatee under this Section 2 shall not be deemed exclusive, or in limitation of any other rights to which the Indemnatee may now or hereafter be entitled under the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation or otherwise under the Corporation's By-Laws, as now in effect or as hereafter amended, any agreement, any vote of members or Directors, any applicable law, or otherwise.

Section 7.3 Limitation. No amendment, modification or rescission of this Article VII shall be effective to limit any person's right to indemnification with respect to any alleged cause of action that accrues or other incident or matter that occurs prior to the date on which such modification, amendment or rescission is adopted.

Article 8.

Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved only upon adoption of a plan of dissolution and distribution of assets by the Board that is consistent with the Certificate of Incorporation and with State & Federal law.

Article 9.

Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, added to, or repealed at any meeting of the Board called for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office.

Article 10.

Construction

In the case of any conflict between the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation and these By-Laws, the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation shall control.

These Bylaws were adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of [Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation] on _____, 2021.

Name
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Name
Vice President

Name
Treasurer

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We've partnered with Youth Development Group and the New Iberia City Court to bring Teen Court to New Iberia. Teen Court is an alternative program that offers young offenders an opportunity to make restitution through community service, classes, and jury services to avoid fines and

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clear. Teen Court will allow juveniles with disciplinary troubles a chance to be tried by their peers. If you or your child would like to sign up to be a volunteer or receive more information, use the link below to fill out our interest form.

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The HBCU Experience is an educational and virtual experience that brings students to HBCUs to explore HBCU college life as it is. Through partnerships with HBCUs and their organizations, students will be presented HBCUs at their full capacity and receive access to exclusive scholarships and recruitment opportunities.

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CRISIS INTERVENTION

Crisis Intervention will provide resources (financial, physical, emotional, etc.) to people in the community who need immediate assistance in preventing harm in their households and communities. If you are interested in this program or know/are someone who needs assistance, please click the link to fill out the form.

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May~~10~~16, 2021

Greetings:

The Garon Paul Atkinson Lewis Foundation is organizing an event in observance of Juneteenth. Our organization's mission is to serve youth and families by providing them counseling, mentoring and skill building and educational services in a safe environment to support the development of their future. Juneteenth, which will be held from June 18 – June 20, is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth almost always focused on education and self-improvement. Our first recipient of the Juneteenth Award is Mrs. Elaine Campbell. She was an educator, she had the first and only Black Newspaper in New Iberia, and many more accolades.

I am writing this letter to invite you to be a Sponsor or Supporter of this event! As a leader in the community, your involvement with us in Juneteenth is an opportunity for your organization to receive exposure and to join other individuals, organizations, and coalitions in our community to educate and to promote and cultivate knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture. Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic, and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing. Respect and appreciation for all of our differences grow out of exposure and working together. Getting involved and supporting Juneteenth celebrations creates new bonds of friendship and understanding among us. This indeed brightens our future - and that is the *Spirit of Juneteenth*. The theme of Juneteenth 2020 is "Breaking Every Chain." This theme reminds us that simple, daily acts of prevention, like helping a friend make positive choices or supporting a family member in need, can lead to healthier lives for each of us today, and stronger, happier communities, tomorrow.



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- 10-minute speaking opportunity at the Juneteenth Banquet, workshops and/or conferences
- Opportunity to speak at other workshops, conferences and/or banquets
- Opportunity to show a three-minute video (provided by your organization) at workshops, conferences and/or banquets
- Complimentary table at the Juneteenth Banquet and Annual Fundraiser
- Exhibit Table in high traffic area throughout workshops and conferences
- Booth at the Juneteenth Festival on Saturday and Sunday
- Acknowledgement of your organization as a Sponsor on our websites, social media, workshops, conferences, and printed materials
- Take pictures with Miss Juneteenth 2021

Gold Sponsor/ \$7,500

- 5-minute speaking opportunity at workshops and/or conferences
- Opportunity to show a two-minute video (provided by your organization) at workshops, conferences, and/or banquets
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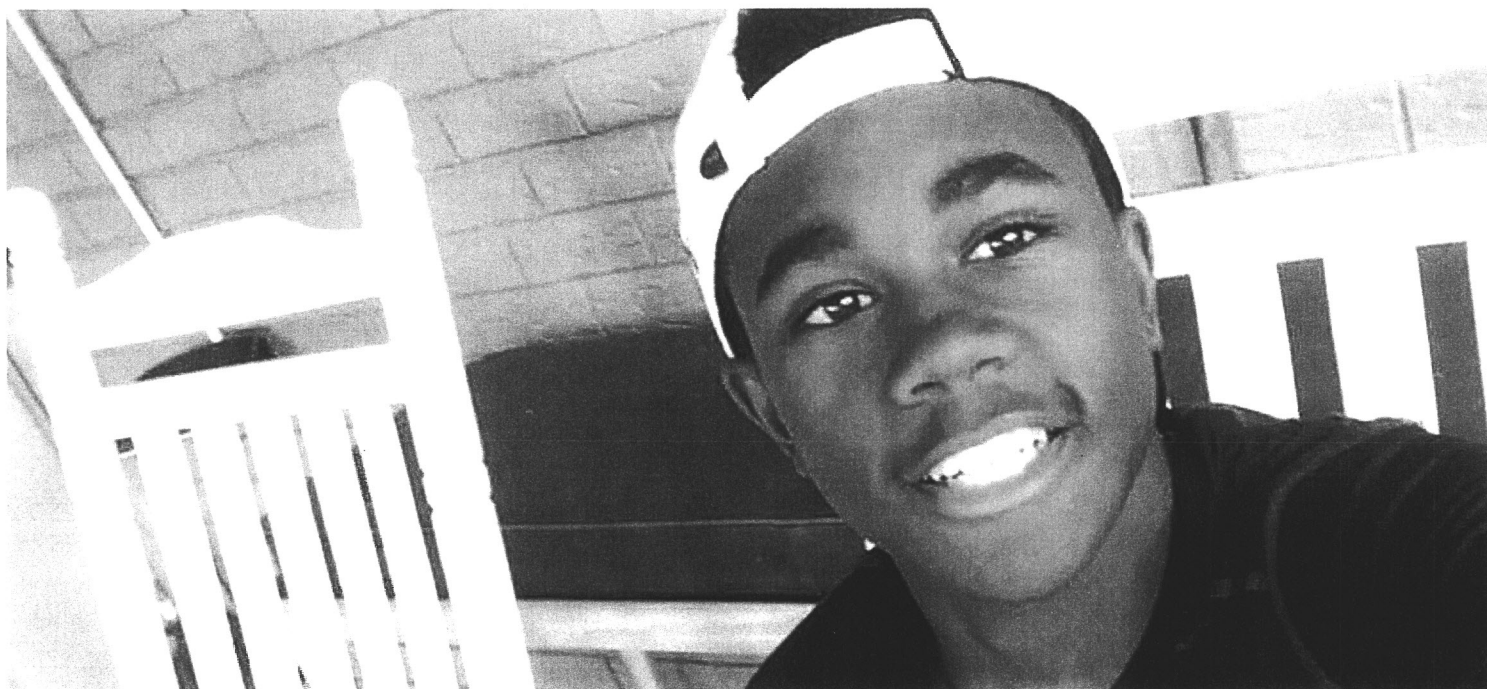


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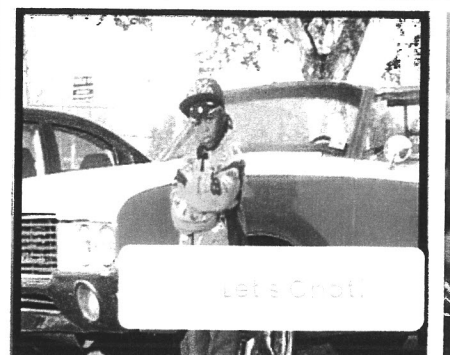
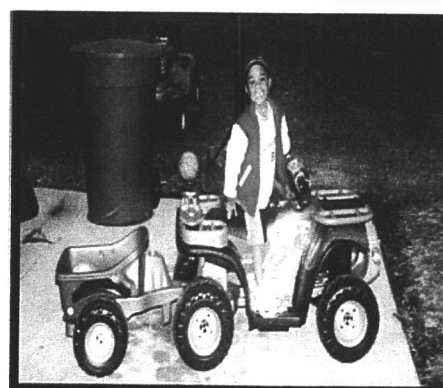
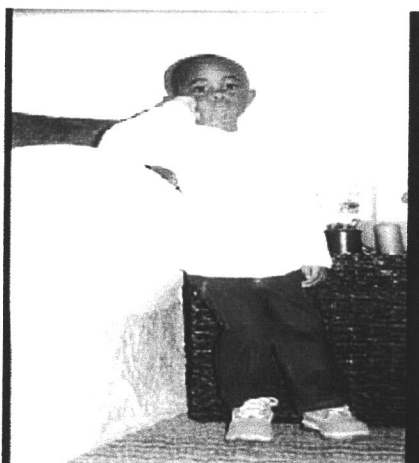
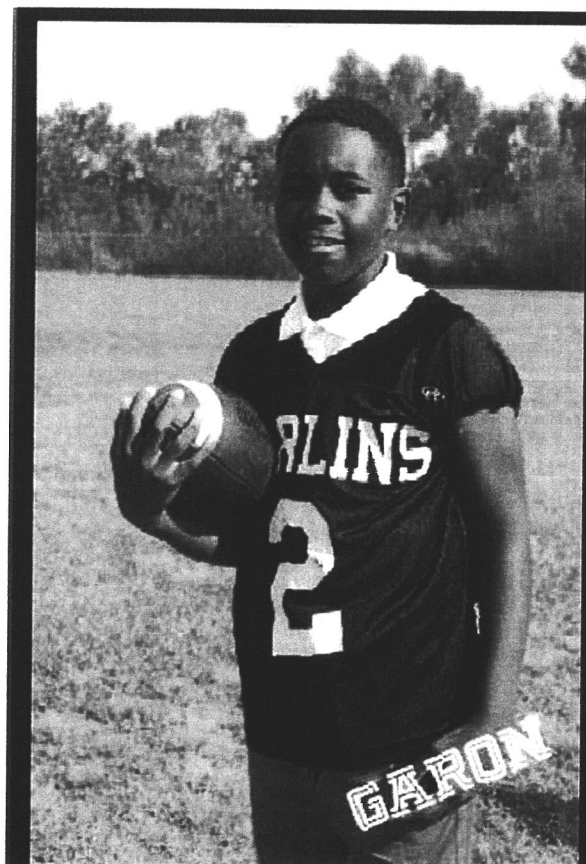
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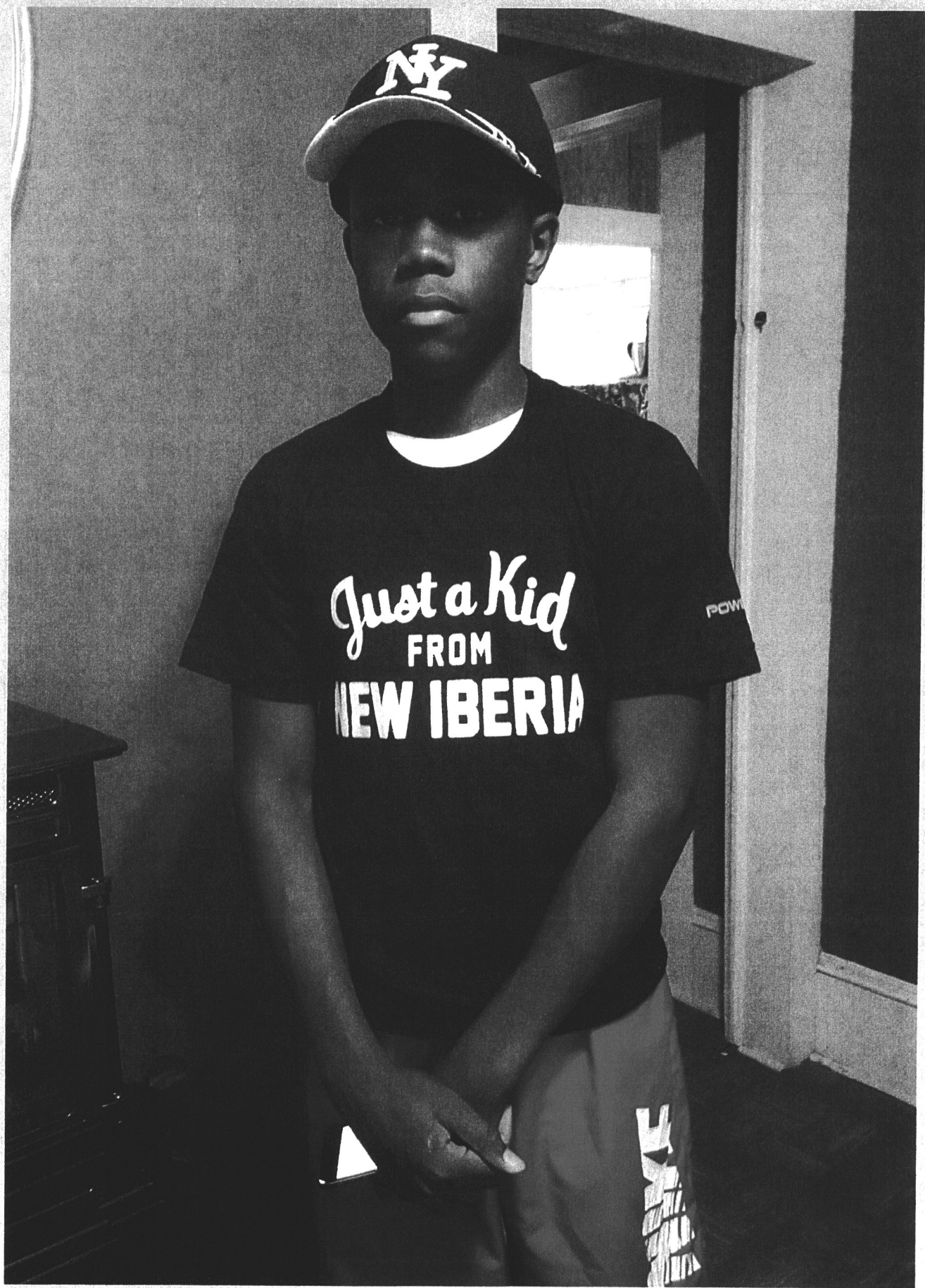


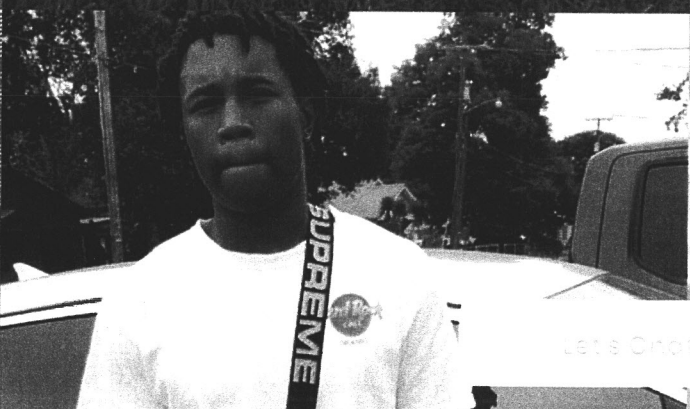
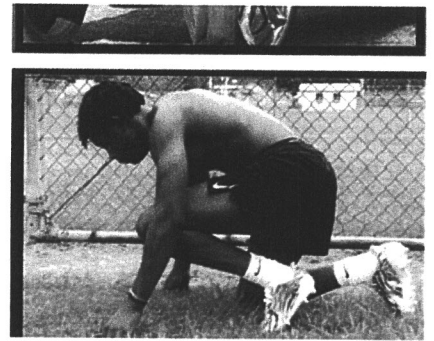
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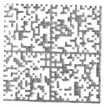






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